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# Autumn Wanderlust and Some Travel Books

Reviewed by RUTH KEDZIE WOOD,

"Author of 'The Tourist's Russia,' 'The Tourist's Spain,' &c."

**THE CRUISE OF THE HIPPOCAMPUS.** By Alfred F. Loomis. The Century Company.  
**THE NEW LATIN AMERICA.** By J. Warshaw. Thomas Y. Crowell Company.

**LAST DAYS IN NEW GUINEA.** By Capt. C. A. W. Monckton. F. R. G. S. Dodd, Mead & Co.

**UP AGAINST IT IN NIGERIA.** By Langa Langa. E. P. Dutton & Co.

**GREEK LANDS AND LETTERS.** By Francis G. and Anne C. E. Allinson. Second Edition. Houghton Mifflin Company.

**TWENTY YEARS IN RUMANIA.** By Maude Parkinson. E. P. Dutton & Co.

IN the autumn readers' fancies turn to travel books. This year the season brings a venturesome brood, for the most part bravely titled. In the case of "The Cruise of the Hippocampus" our plaint would be that the name does not adequately suggest the content, the rollicking, blow me down log of the stanch little broad waisted yawl, manned by three good friends, one of whom spins a tale well seasoned with salt and an excellent brand of humor.

At sea we are the veriest lubber. We always get sick, and we don't know a luff from a boom. But "The Cruise of the Hippocampus" interested us to the last line, and will you, if you are susceptible to spanking phrases like "scandalizing a mainsail," or "taking a trick at the stick while the crew cork anticipating a stormy night." We learned a lot, too, about sea and coast life between New Rochelle and Balboa, at the sunset end of the Panama Canal. Experienced boatmen who have seen a cruise like this in their dreams will find in the book much practical information and hints innumerable how to meet and surmount emergencies.

The author already had a reputation as a motor navigator when he got himself a sailboat with an auxiliary engine and set forth with Joe Chambers, an ex-subchaser man from Salem, Mass., "where they sail boats the day after leaving the cradle," and a hardy Nova Scotian named Paul Squibb. From spring to autumn they shared the joy of the sea road and had so many adventures that the covers of the book fairly bulge with them.

The cruise was not undertaken "to prove anything or to establish any precedent in small boat sailing." It was just a "get there cruise," and the author mentions with justifiable pride that the tiny yacht built at Nyack on Hudson was the smallest boat from a distant port that ever did get through the Panama Canal.

Expert motorboat man, Loomis came back to New York converted for good to the fascinations of long distance sailing, and if you give him a chance he'll convert you, too.

Dr. Warshaw's volume on "The New Latin America" surprises the reader all through by not being as tedious as he expects it to be. The author himself in his foreword seems apprehensive that facts and figures may become monotonous. But the effect is the opposite. We find the narrative more exciting than most novels, because big facts about new fast growing countries must always outrun in fascination stark fiction.

A citizen of the United States traveling in Spain and Portugal, and speaking with native assurance of the wonders of "America," frequently meets the question, "Which America?" We are put in our places by being properly referred to as North Americans. When we read an up to the moment, detailed, authoritative treatise on South American progress like Dr. Warshaw's we understand why our presumption and assumption are resented in the motherlands of our neighbor continent.

The author sets us right as to common misconceptions about American Latins, and impresses us with the necessity of ridding our minds of unjust prejudices if we are to benefit by international trade opportunities in Central and South America. He draws comparisons in culture, energy, prosperity, natural resources and scenery to the disadvantage of our own America. He reminds us that the "primeval wilds of the Latin America of to-day are not the primeval wilds of our schoolboy geographies. Their conquest has moved on much

more rapidly during the past forty years than during the preceding four centuries."

Though Argentina has a population of only 9,000,000 inhabitants, Buenos Aires, the capital, compares favorably with the oldest, largest and richest of foreign cities. We discover that it takes nine days to sail along the Brazilian coast in a fast ship, and are surprised to learn to what extent the growth of nationalism has advanced. We are taken aback to hear that the Latin lands to the south have conjured a bogey called the "Yankee Peril" and suspect us of imperialism.

Theodore Roosevelt declared in 1914 "that the present century is the century of South America." By the time we have reached page 358 of "The New Latin America" we are ready to agree with him, and we have received a valued lesson in how to become better Pan-Americans.

The author of "Up Against It in Nigeria" is an English political officer. British Government officials are notoriously fond of putting in print their colonial experiences. This particular official bucked conditions in West Africa for thirteen years, disciplining half savage blacks, penetrating wild lands, and performing the routine work of a government station, abetted by a more or less amusing bevy of compatriots. His descriptions are too often burdened with a lumbering wit, but despite this, may we say, national incumbrance we get a color-



Alfred F. Loomis, author of "The Cruise of the Hippocampus."

ful picture of the human stream that flowed past Langa Langa's door—tin mine managers, Bornu chiefs, big game hunters, palm oil venders, naked Mohammedan villagers up to assorted kinds of mischief.

Political Officer Langa Langa (the name "intrigues") is a mighty hunter; frequently he made long and arduous treks into that part of Nigeria marked on the map, "uninhabited bush." Quite as exciting as these hunting narratives are his tales of census taking among the Shiboks. Judging territorial disputes was another duty that enlivened the day's work.

The volume deserves a place on the fall book shelf as an unvarnished tale of life in the outposts—"with the earth for bed and the moon for candle; without food or water for twenty-four hours at a stretch; swimming rapids . . . suffering a hundred discomforts of dust, heat, and insects . . . above all, the solitude, days away from a white man, relieved only by the endless chatter of the nigger. . . . No honorable mention for all these things; no brevets; no investitures. The navy has fairly earned the sobriquet of the Silent Service. About service in the Dark Continent there is a dumbness stronger than speech."

Roving through the pages of Capt. Monckton's essentially masculine narrative of life in New Guinea a woman's eyes pause at the vivid picture of "an ancient man, keenly watching snares set in a tree. War parties he paid no attention to, as all left him unmolested to pursue his heredi-

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